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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22:

*a1*  
Fig. 1 is a configuration diagram of a concentrator in the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 24:

*a2*  
Fig. 2 is a block diagram of an Internet telephone system using a concentrator in the preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7:

*a3*  
Network 206 is a network such as Internet capable of Internet Protocol (IP) communication. Communication path 207 connects concentrator 101 to network 206.